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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-14 and replace with new claims 15-28 as attached hereto.

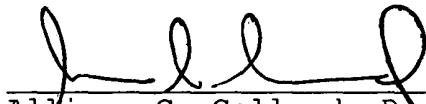
REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, the cross-reference to the related application has been inserted on page 1. Also, claims 1-14 have been replaced by new claims 15-28. In addition, an Abstract of the Disclosure has been added on its own separate. No new matter has been introduced.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claims

15. A pile fabric comprising a textile support structure and a trimming comprised of pile threads anchored in the textile support structure, characterized in that the pile threads (3) all or partly consist of a multi-filament yarn containing fine filaments (4), on the one hand, and coarse filaments (5) on the other, with the titer of the coarse filaments being more than 25 times greater than the titer of the fine filaments (4).

16. The pile fabric according to claim 15, characterized in that the fine filaments (4) have a titer of from 0.2 to 5 dtex.

17. The pile fabric according to claim 16, characterized in that the fine filaments (4) are made of polyester and the coarse filaments (5) of polyamide.

18. The pile fabric according to claim 16, characterized in that the filaments (4, 5) are equally long.

19. The pile fabric according to claim 16, characterized by the use as a coating fabric for paint roller applicators.

20. The pile fabric according to claim 15, characterized in that the fine filaments (4) have a titer of from 0.2 to 5 dtex

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and the coarse filaments (5) a titer of more than 18 dtex.

21. The pile fabric according to claim 19, characterized in that the fine filaments (4) are crimped to a greater extent than the coarse filaments (5).

22. The pile fabric according to claim 20, characterized by the use as a cleaning cloth.

23. The pile fabric according to claim 15, characterized in that the fine filaments (4) have a titer of from 0.05 to 6.7 dtex and the coarse filaments (5) a titer of from 1.25 to 170 dtex.

24. The pile fabric according to claim 23, characterized in that the fine filaments (4) are made of polypropylene (PP) and/or viscose and/or polyacrylonitrile (PAN), and the coarse filaments (5) of polyester (PES) and/or polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and/or polycarbonate (PC).

25. The pile fabric according to claim 23, characterized in that the coarse filaments (5) and the fine filaments (4) are uniformly crimped to the same extent.

26. The pile fabric according to claim 23, characterized in that the coarse filaments (5) are crimped to a lesser extent than

the fine filaments (4).

27. The pile fabric according to claim 23, characterized in that the coarse filaments (5) are crimped to a greater extent than the fine filaments (4).

28. The pile fabric according to claim 24, characterized by the use as a massaging mat or a massaging glove.

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a pile fabric comprising a textile support structure (1) and a trimming consisting of pile threads (3) which are anchored in the support structure (1). The aim of the invention is to produce a pile fabric of the type with good properties which are evenly distributed over the entire surface thereof i.e. to produce a fabric which retains a good abrasive and absorbent effect and retains its volume over the entire surface. An additional aim is to improve the mechanical anchoring of the rigid pile threads (3) in the support structure (1). To this end, the inventive pile threads (3) consist wholly or partially of a multi-filament yarn which contains both fine filaments (4) and coarse filaments (5). The coarse filament count is more than 25 times greater than the fine filament (4) count.